

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of January 30, 2008 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the printhead module, the flexible printed circuit board and the drive electronics printed circuit board are all able to move along the casing during the printing operation of the printhead integrated circuits. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 13, line 26-page 14, line 21 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-6 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections and Response for Arguments

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-6 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Silverbrook (US 2004/0135848) in view of Ishikawa, for at least the following reasons.

Silverbrook '848 specifically discloses that the printhead modules 46 are mounted to the ink distribution assembly 72 which in turn is positioned in the channel 62 of the chassis 60, the flexible PCBs 58 of the printhead modules are connected to the PCBs 42, and the PCBs 42 are mounted to the chassis (see paragraphs [0059]-[0068]). Accordingly, one of ordinary skill in the art understands that whilst some or all of these elements may be removable, as asserted by the Examiner, such removal is not during a printing operation since these elements are specifically disclosed as being mounted during printing and accurate alignment is necessary for printing (see paragraph [0097]).

Further, Ishikawa does not provide any disclosure which would motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the disclosed assembly of Silverbrook '848. Thus, Silverbrook and Ishikawa do not teach or suggest the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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